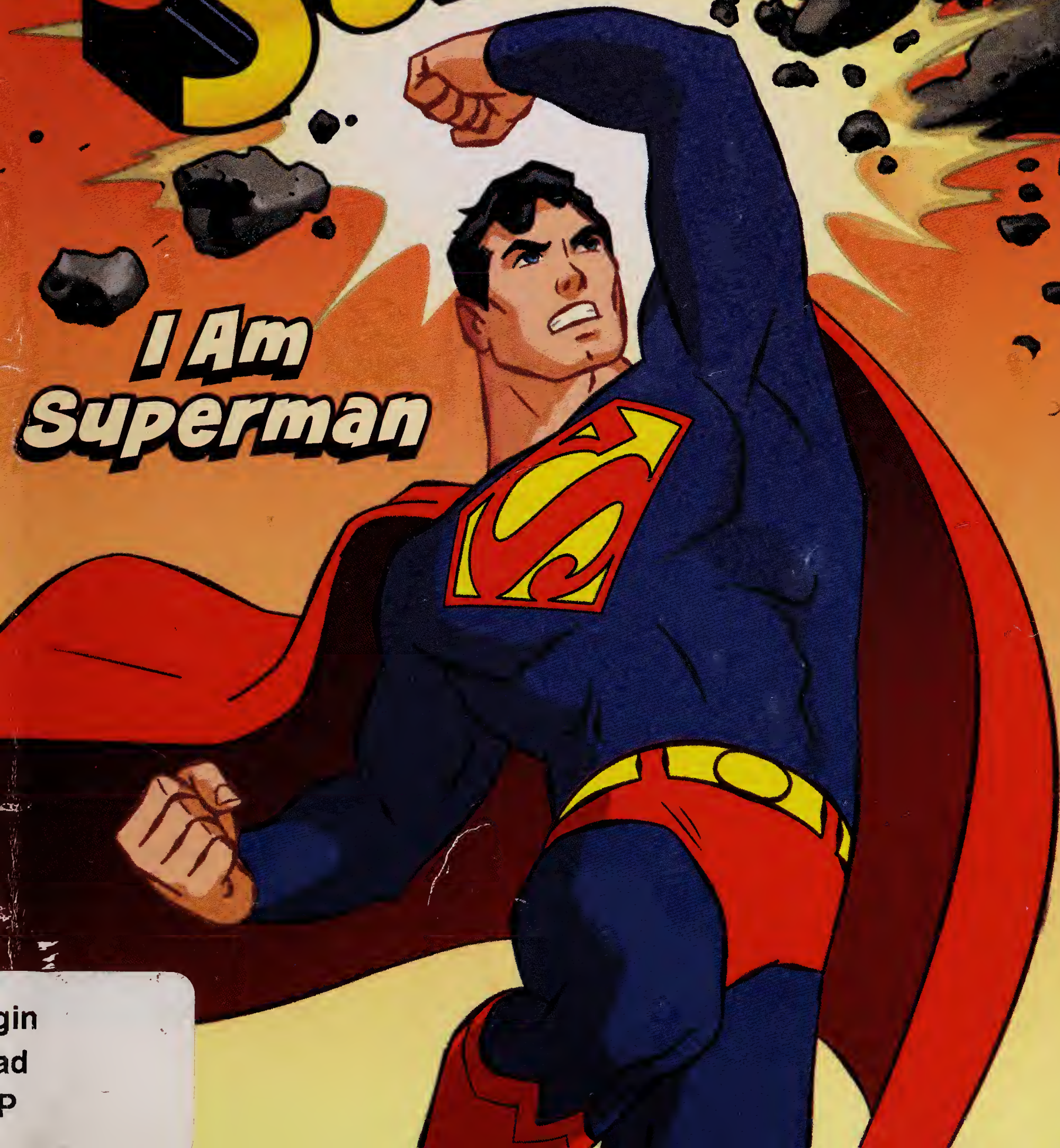


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Superman has many amazing powers.
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Lois Lane sped past Clark Kent.
She was on her way out of
the Daily Planet,
where she and Clark worked.
They were newspaper reporters.



“Why are you in such a hurry, Lois?”
asked Clark.

“I’m writing a story,” Lois said.

“What kind of story?” Clark asked.

“That’s my secret!” Lois said.



Lois rushed up to the roof.

Superman was waiting for her there.

“Hi, Lois,” Superman said.

“Ready to do the story?”

“You bet, Superman!” Lois said.



“I thought we could talk somewhere a little different,” Superman said.

“Where are we going?” Lois asked.

“You’ll see,” said Superman.



Superman flew at super-speed
up to the frozen Arctic.

“This is my Fortress of Solitude,”
Superman said.





“The Fortress is my secret home,”
he told Lois.

“If you want to learn about me,
this is the best place to come.”



“This giant key unlocks the door,”
Superman said.

He put the key into the lock.

“I use my super-strength to lift it.”

Superman and Lois
entered the Fortress.

Superman used his super-breath
to blow the door closed.

“That’s amazing!” said Lois.



Lois pointed at two statues.

“Who are those people?” she asked.

“Those are my parents,”

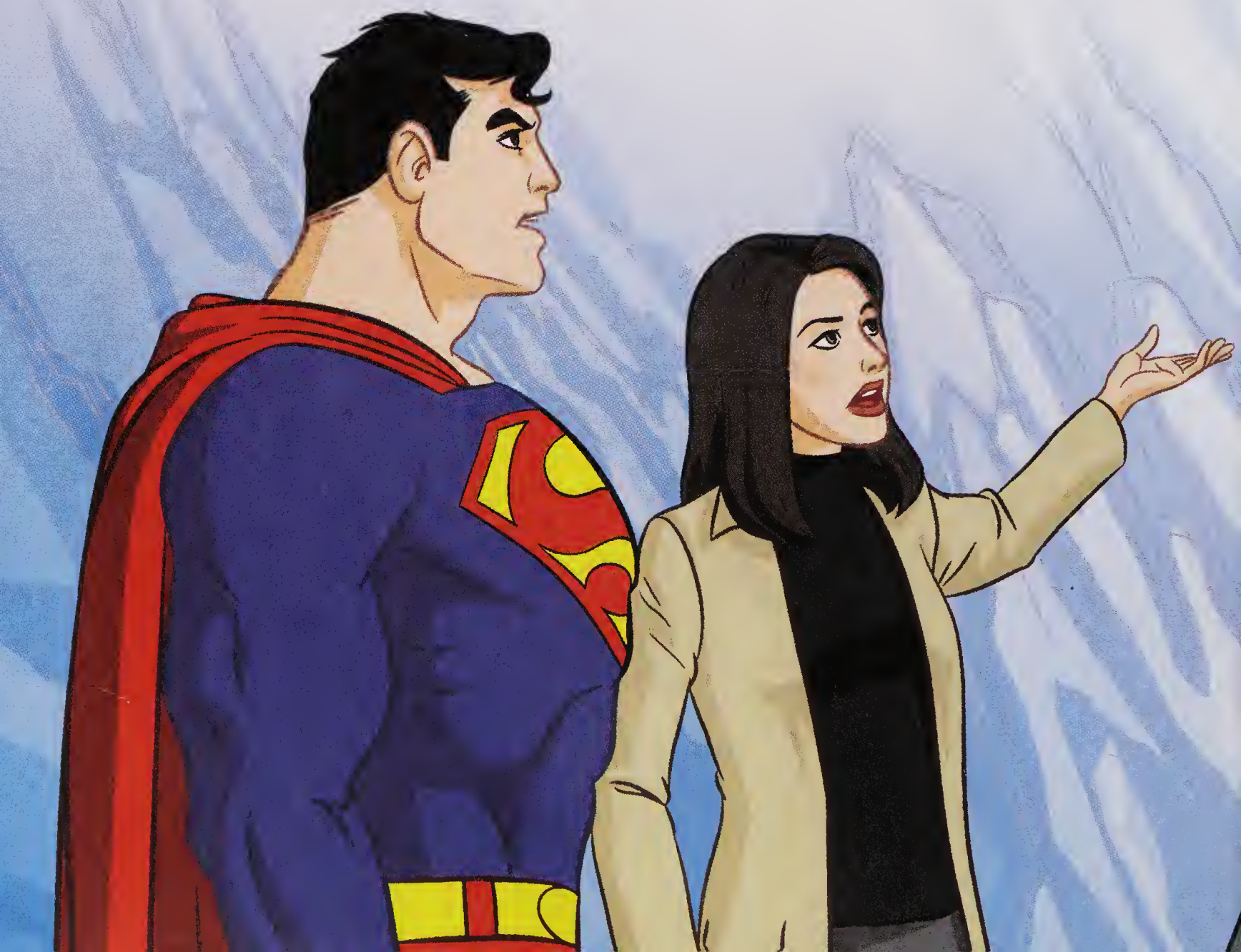
Superman said.

“My father, Jor-El,

and my mother, Lara.

They’re holding a model of Krypton.”

“Krypton?” Lois asked.

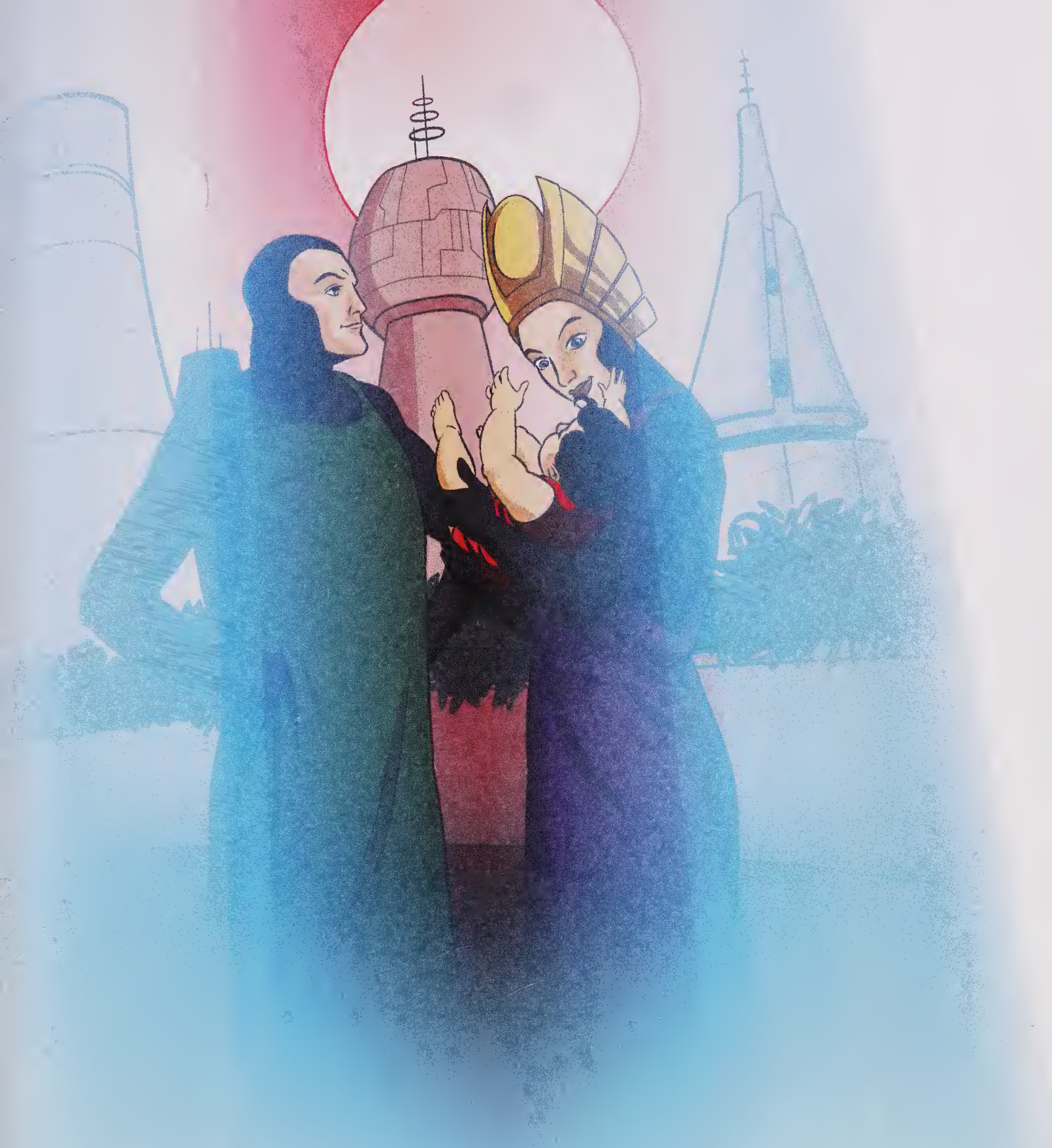




“Krypton was the planet
where I was born,” Superman said.

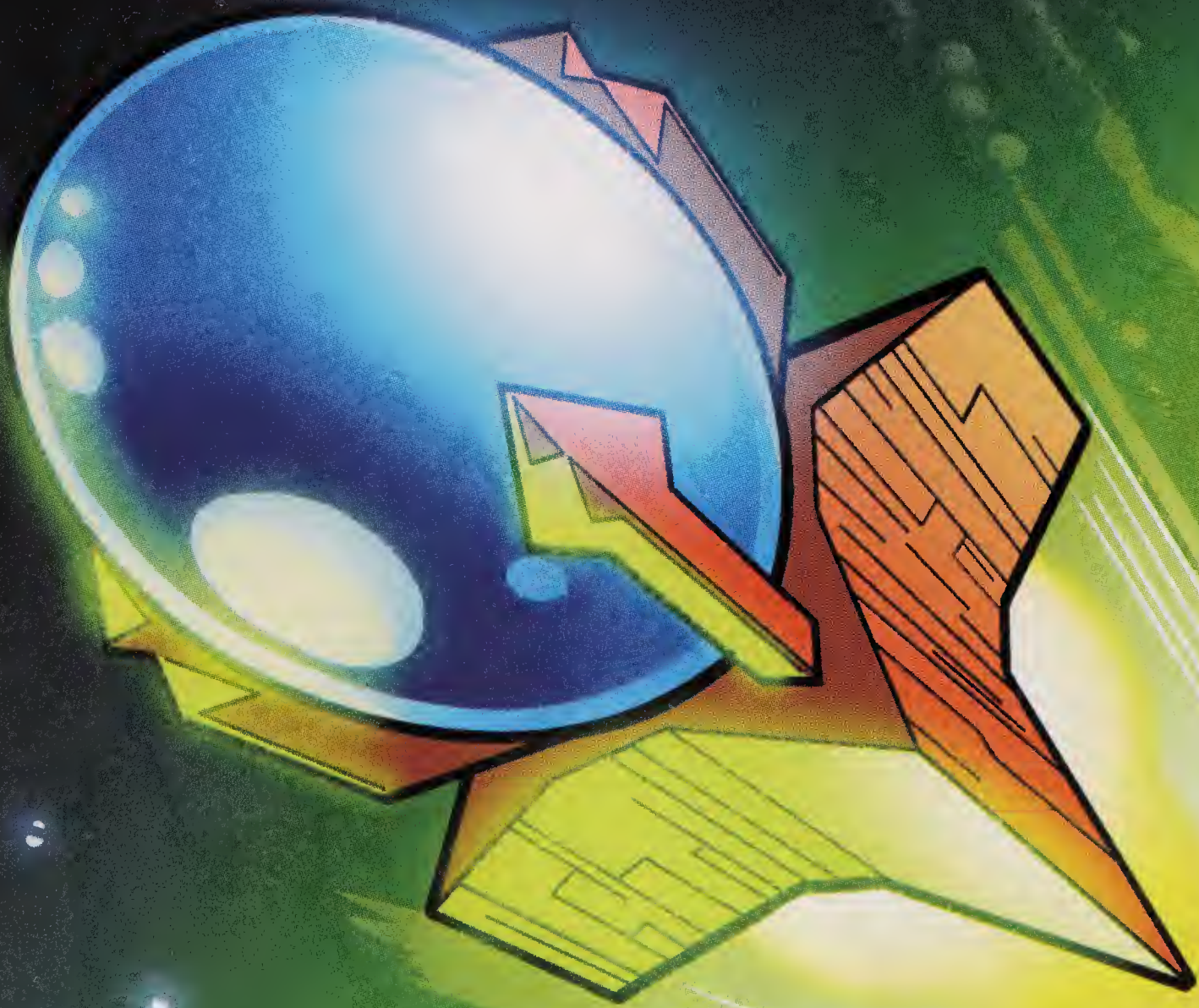
“This crystal shows pictures
of life on Krypton.”





“Krypton was different from Earth,
but it was my home,” said Superman.
“Then one day my father learned
that Krypton was going to explode.”

“My father put me in a spaceship
and sent it to Earth
to save my life,” Superman said.





“Earth’s yellow sun gives me my superpowers,” said Superman.

“Even when I was a little boy, I could lift a truck.”



“Wow,” said Lois.

“What else can you do?”

“I can see through things with my X-ray vision,” Superman said.

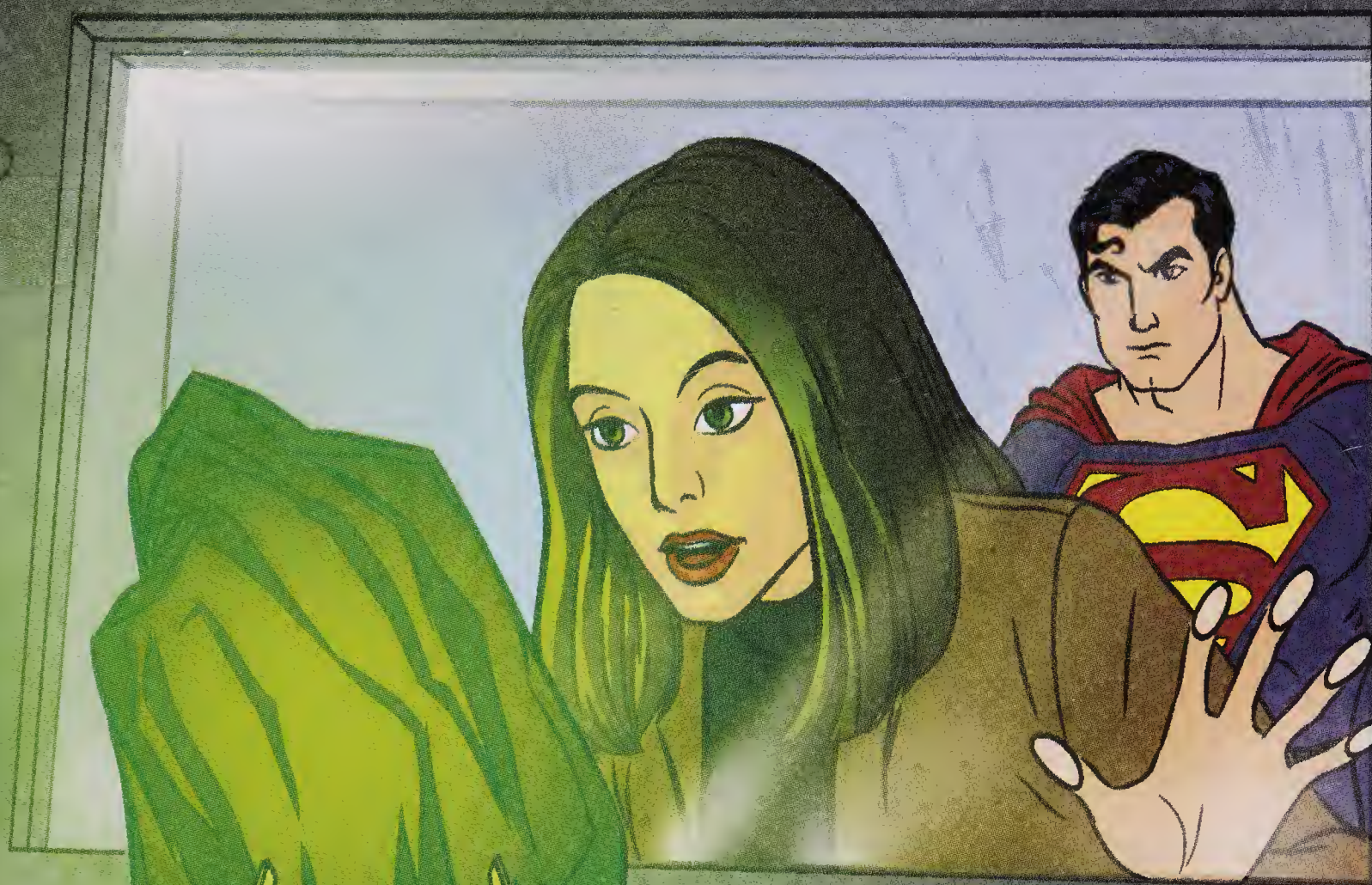
“And nothing can hurt me.”

“Nothing?” Lois asked.

“Only kryptonite can make me weak,”
Superman said.

“It’s a piece of my home planet.

I keep it in this case so it can’t hurt me.”



Suddenly, an alarm rang out.

Lex Luthor's angry face
filled up the computer screen.

"I will rule the city!" said Luthor.

"Watch what will happen
if I'm not given complete power!"





“Metropolis is in danger!”

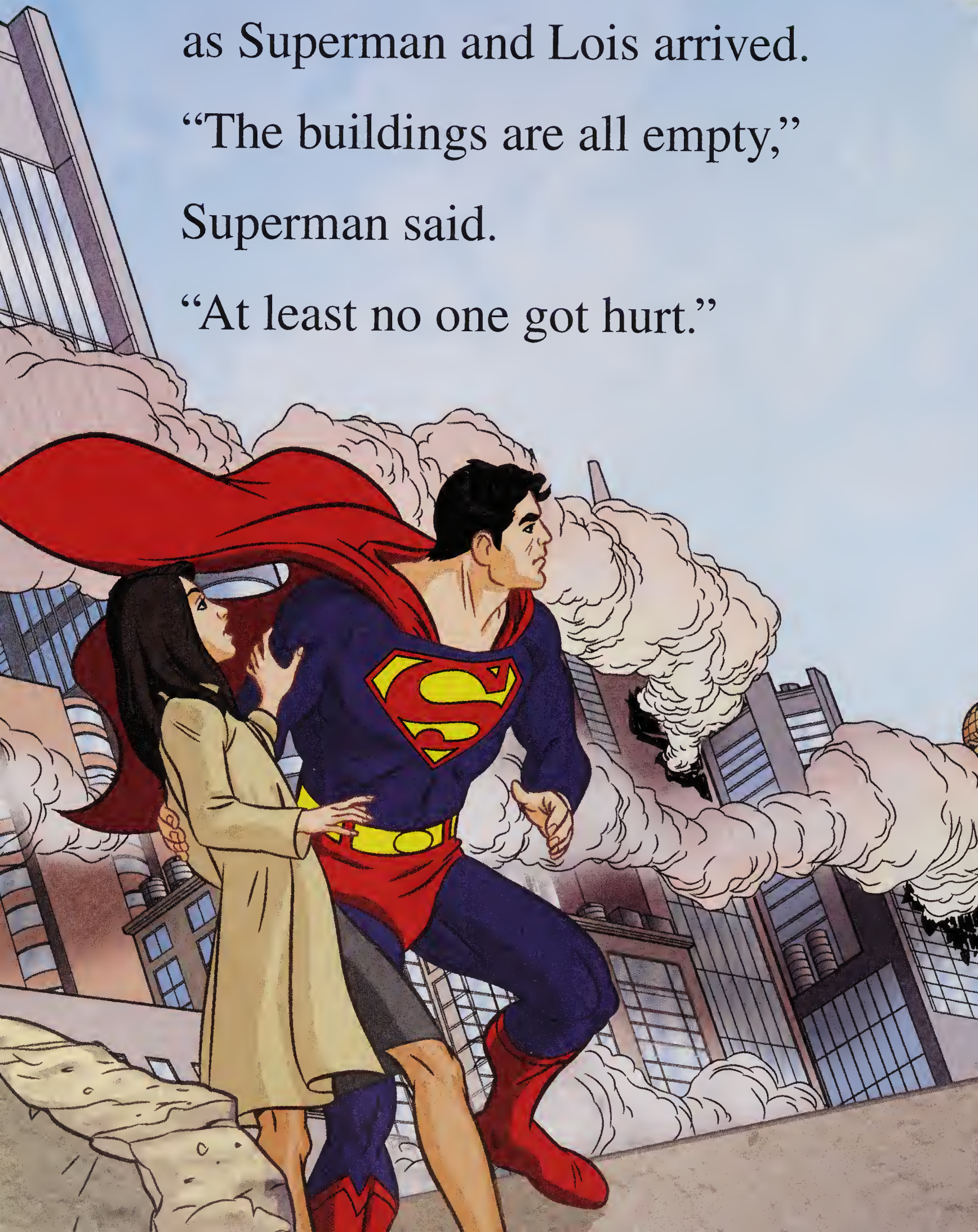
Superman said as he and Lois
zoomed out of the Fortress.

“I have to stop Luthor!”

Luthor blew up a building
as Superman and Lois arrived.

“The buildings are all empty,”
Superman said.

“At least no one got hurt.”





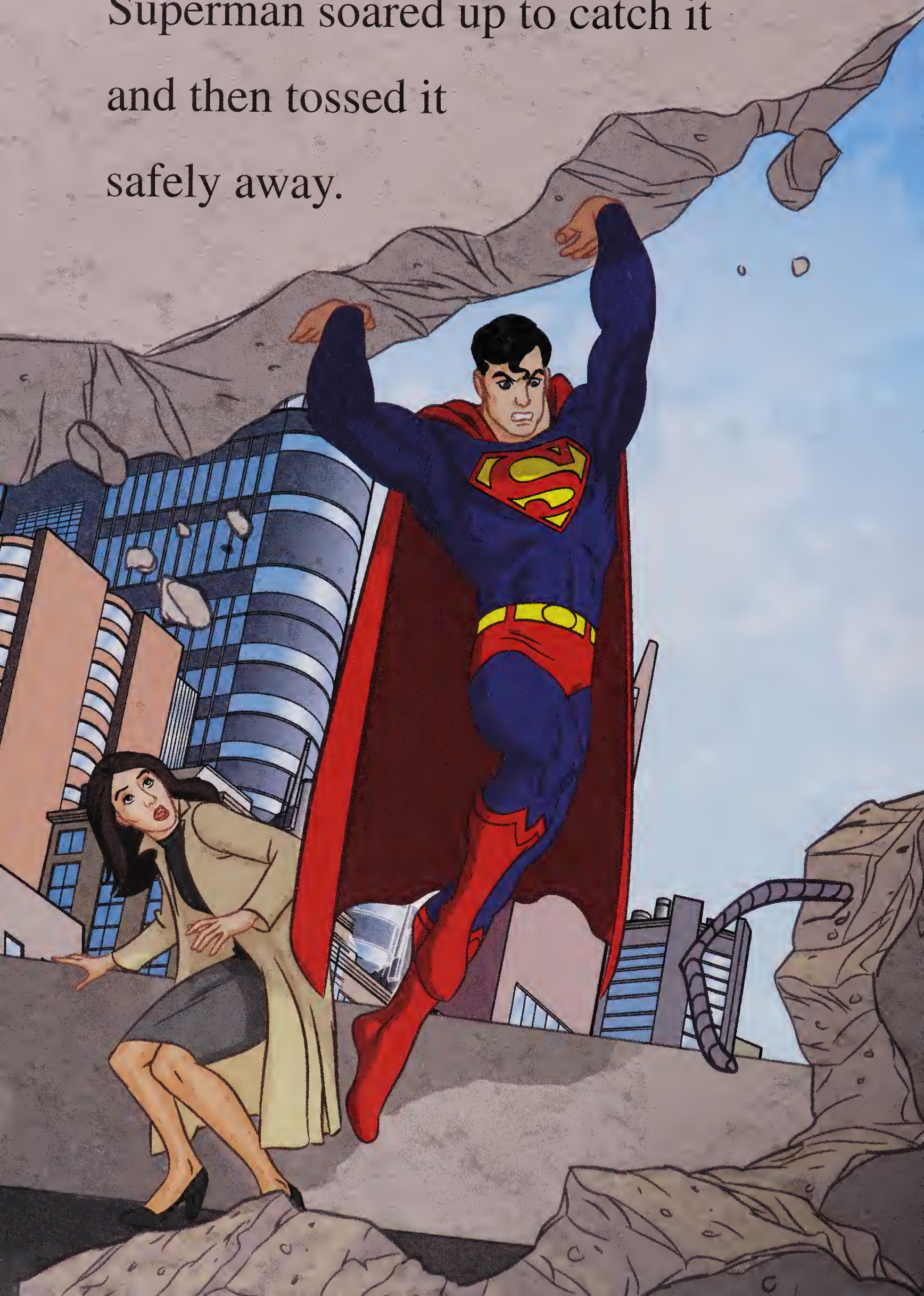
“Metropolis is mine!”

said Luthor.

He blasted another building.

A piece of stone fell toward Lois.

Superman soared up to catch it
and then tossed it
safely away.





“I can destroy Luthor’s laser
with my heat vision,” Superman said.
Two red beams shot out of his eyes.
Luthor’s weapon blew up.



Superman stopped Luthor's evil plot.

“Your days of making threats
are over!” he told the villain.

Superman gave Luthor to the police.

“Thanks for the story, Superman,”

Lois said when they returned to
the Daily Planet.

“I can’t wait until Clark sees it!”

“Who’s Clark?” Superman asked.

“Never mind!” Lois said.



The next day Lois hurried
into Clark's office.

She tossed a copy of
the Daily Planet onto his desk.



“Here’s what I was doing
while you were just sitting around,”
Lois said to Clark.

“How do you do it?” Clark asked.

“That’s my secret!” said Lois.



Lois walked out of Clark's office.

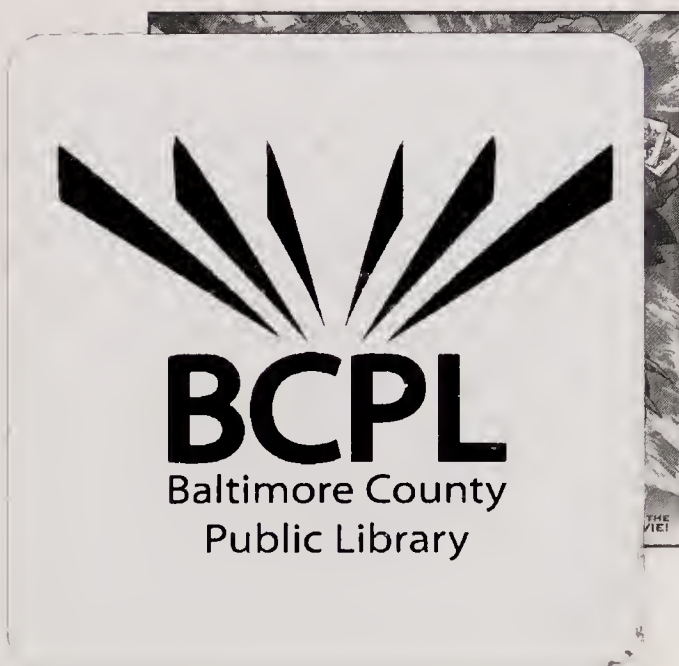
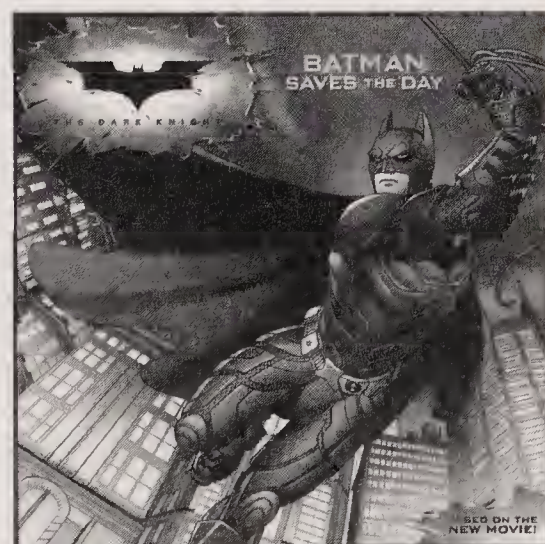
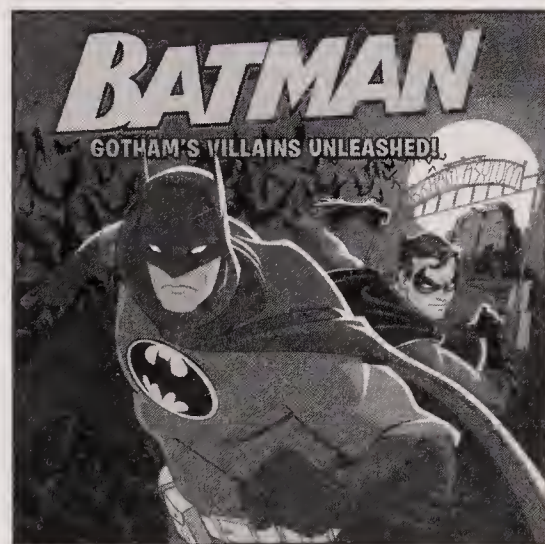
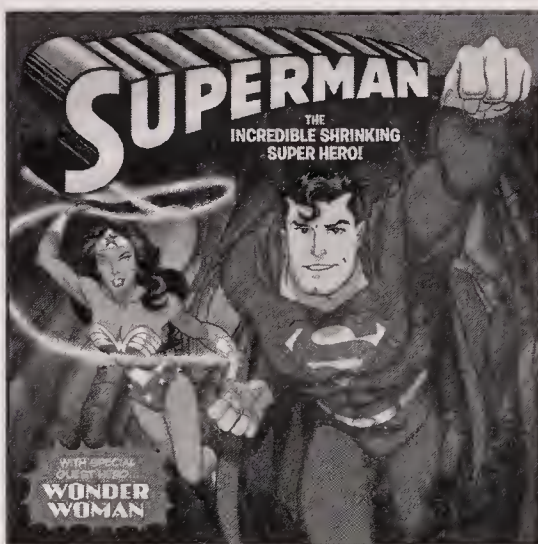
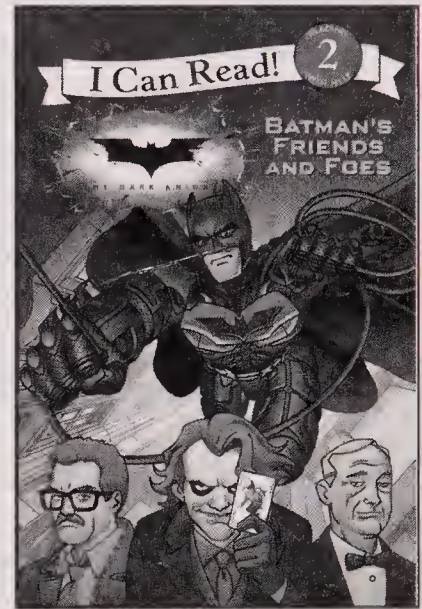
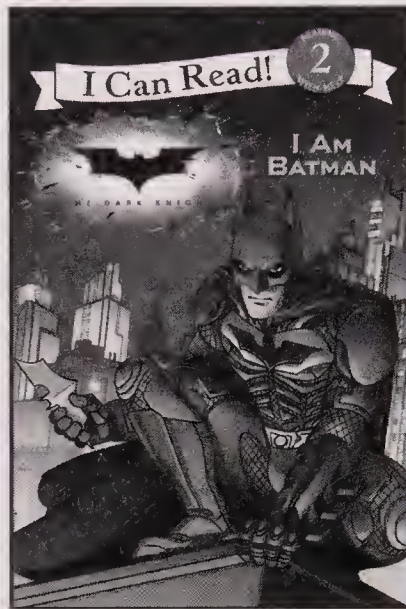
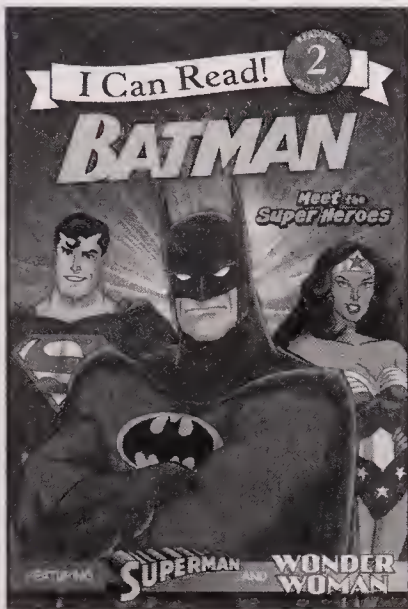
Clark smiled to himself.

"I have a secret, too," he said.

"I am Superman!"



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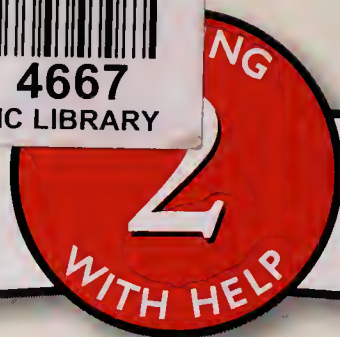


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